



Proposal to expand The Cottesloe School

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Close date: 8 October 2023

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Overview

We want to hear your views on a proposal to expand The Cottesloe School.

The Cottesloe School is a secondary school in Wing, Buckinghamshire. The school has a sixth form and currently has capacity for 1,121 pupils (September 2023).

Over the last few years, the population of north Buckinghamshire has increased. This has increased the demand for secondary school places.

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In partnership with The Cottesloe School, we are proposing to expand the school to permanently increase the number of places.

Works to expand the school would include:

- an extension to the current sixth form block, which would:
 - include 4 new classrooms, a toilet block and a new dining facility for sixth form pupils
 - create more space within the main school for pupils aged 11 to 15
- internal alterations within the existing science block to create an additional science laboratory and refurbishment of the toilet facilities

The permanent expansion of the school would be available from October 2025. The larger school would provide benefits – including greater flexibility and efficiency for staff and resources.

The proposal would allow the school to admit a further 20 Year 7 pupils each year. This would mean an overall increase of 100 pupils across Year 7 to 11 by September 2027.

Across all the year groups, the school would be able to admit 210 pupils annually. As the increased number of Year 7 pupils move through the school, there would be an increase in sixth form pupils.

The proposal to expand the school is fully supported by The Cottesloe School Governing Board.

We would work closely with the school and contractor to make sure all expansion works are in line with health and safety legislation and do not impact pupils' learning.

Previous school expansions

We have expanded several schools in the area to accommodate additional pupils.

In September 2022, The Cottesloe School accommodated 20 additional pupils in Year 7. This was possible within the school's existing space.

The school will admit up to 20 more pupils in Year 7 from September 2023 – by making minor changes to the existing school buildings.

Related documents

Before you respond to this consultation, please have a look at the following document available at yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com:

- Expansion of The Cottesloe School consultation letter

Events to find out more

We are hosting a drop in event to find out more about the proposal:

- **Wednesday 13 September 2023, 5pm to 7pm**
 - at The Cottesloe School, Aylesbury Road, Wing, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 0NY
 - school governors, the headteacher, officers from Buckinghamshire Council and the architects will be at the event

How to have your say

You can tell us your views in one of the following ways:

- complete the online survey at yourvoicebucks.citizenspace.com
- complete, and return, a printed version of the survey
- email us at thecottesloeschoolconsultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk

If you have any questions about this consultation, please email us at thecottesloeschoolconsultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk.

Please tell us your views by midnight on Sunday 8 October 2023.

What happens next

With the Governing Board of The Cottesloe School, we will consider all the responses we receive and decide whether to expand the school.

If the decision is taken to proceed, the next stage is the publication of a statutory notice.

Statutory notice

The statutory notice is a more formal opportunity to give your views by submitting formal objections or support to the proposal.

This stage runs for 4 weeks. If the decision is taken to proceed, we would expect the statutory notice to run from mid-November to mid-December 2023.

The responses received would be considered by the Governing Board and Buckinghamshire Council.

Final decision on the proposal

The Leader of Buckinghamshire Council, with the Cabinet Member for Education and Children's Services, would make the decision on the final outcome. We would expect this decision in February 2024.

We would also expect the outcome of the planning application to expand the school in February 2024.

If the decision is taken to proceed, and planning permission is granted, the expansion work would begin in April 2024 – completed by October 2025.

Privacy

We will use the information you provide here only for this activity. We will store the information securely in line with data protection laws and will not share or publish any personal details. For more information about data and privacy, please see our [Privacy Policy](#).

If you have questions about data and privacy, please email us on dataprotection@buckinghamshire.gov.uk. Or write to our Data Protection Officer at Buckinghamshire Council, The Gateway, Gatehouse Road, Aylesbury, HP19 8FF.

Printed consultation survey

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1. Do you support the proposal to expand The Cottesloe School?

Please tick (✓) one option

- Yes
- No
- I don't know

2. If you have any other comments about the proposal to expand The Cottesloe School, please tell us here:

About you

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3. Which of the following describe you?

Please tick (✓) all that apply

- I am a parent or carer of a student at The Cottesloe School
- I work at The Cottesloe School
- I am a Governor for The Cottesloe School
- I am a student at The Cottesloe School
- I live near The Cottesloe School
- I work at another local school in the area
- I represent or own a business in Buckinghamshire
- I represent a community or voluntary group in Buckinghamshire
- I am an elected representative in Buckinghamshire
- I represent a Parish / Town Council or Town Committee in Buckinghamshire
- I work for Buckinghamshire Council
- Other (please give details below):

4. How did you find out about this consultation?

Please tick (✓) all that apply

- Letter from school
- School staff briefing
- Local media (newspaper, radio or TV)
- Buckinghamshire Council website or Your Voice Bucks website
- Buckinghamshire Council newsletter
- From Buckinghamshire Council staff
- Through working at Buckinghamshire Council
- Word of mouth
- Local Community Board
- Local Councillor
- Local Parish / Town Council or Town Committee
- Other (please give details below):

5. Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation (e.g. a business or a voluntary group)?

Please tick (✓) one option

- As an individual (go to question 9)
- On behalf of an organisation

On behalf of an organisation

6. Please provide the following details:

Name of organisation:

Your job title:

End of survey if responding on behalf of an organisation

More about you

We want to hear from as many people as possible to understand the views and needs across Buckinghamshire. The following questions help us see if the communities we serve have had the opportunity to be heard through this activity.

All questions are optional. You can skip any questions you do not wish to answer, or you can skip all the questions.

7. What is your postcode?

We want to understand the views of people living in different areas. You don't have to provide your postcode, but it helps us plan and make considered decisions.

8. What is your age?

Why we ask this: We want to understand the experiences and views of different age groups.

Please tick (✓) one option

- Under 16
- 16 to 24
- 25 to 34
- 35 to 44
- 45 to 54
- 55 to 64
- 65 to 74
- 75 to 84
- Over 85
- Prefer not to say

9. Are you:

Why we ask this: We want to understand the experiences and views of different sexes.

Please tick (✓) one option

- Female
- Male
- Prefer not to say

10. Do you consider yourself to have a disability / disabilities, impairment(s) or long term health condition(s)?

Why we ask this: We want to understand the experiences and views of disabled people, people with impairments and people with long-term health conditions.

Please tick (✓) all that apply

- Disability / disabilities
- Impairment(s)
- Long term health condition(s)
- No
- Prefer not to say

11. How would you describe your ethnicity?

Why we ask this: We want to understand the experiences and views of different ethnicities.

Please tick (✓) one option

- Asian - British
- Asian - Bangladeshi
- Asian - Chinese
- Asian - Indian
- Asian - Pakistani
- Any other Asian background - Please give details below
- Black - African
- Black - British
- Black - Caribbean
- Any other Black, African or Caribbean background - Please give details below
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - White and Asian
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - White and Black African
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - White and Black British
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - White and Black Caribbean
- Mixed or multiple ethnic groups - Mixed or Multiple Ethnic backgrounds British
- Any other Mixed or Multiple ethnic background - Please give details below
- White - English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British
- White - Irish
- White - Gypsy or English traveller
- White - Irish Traveller
- White - European
- Any other White background - Please give details below
- Other ethnic group - Arab
- Other ethnic group - Arab British
- Other ethnic group - Please give details below
- Prefer not to say

Please give other details here:

End of the survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey.

Please return your completed survey by midnight on Sunday 8 October 2023.

You can:

- email it to thecottesloeschoolconsultation@buckinghamshire.gov.uk
- post it to School Commissioning Team, Buckinghamshire Council, 1st Floor, Walton Street Office, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP20 1UZ